

whole desired my defeat. They did not like Barnes or believe in him; but above all things they wished my defeat. The particular twelve men whose judgment was vital to me were, I think, on the whole against me at the start; but after both Barnes and I had been before them for many days they stood for me against Barnes. This was because I could reach them personally. But it is of course impossible for me to reach more than the smallest fraction of the people in such fashion. The others have made up their minds; and they are against me."

"I have been like an engine bucking a snow-drift. My progress was slower and slower; and finally I accumulated so much snow that I came to a halt and could not get through. I believe that there are some men who would support me against Wilson, for instance, or against a reactionary Eepublican, who would not support any one else. But I believe that there are a far larger number of men who would at once sink every other purpose, no matter what their convictions might be, for the purpose of smashing me once for all. According to the information at present before me, I believe that the bulk of our people would accept my candidacy as a proof of greedy personal ambition on my part, and would be bitterly hostile to me in consequence, and bitterly hostile therefore to the cause for which I stood.

"I have felt as regards the *Lusitama* business that as an honorable man I could not keep silent, although I thoroughly realized that what I said would offend the pacificists,

would offend the good, short-sighted men who
do not fully
understand international relations, and would
make en-
venomed enemies of the great bulk of these
Americans of
German descent or birth from whom in the
past I have had
rather more than my normal proportion of
support. This
was to me a matter of principle, a matter of
national duty,
of duty which I owed my country; and I did
not think that
I was warranted in considering my own
personal fortune
in the matter. But I do most emphatically
think that when
it comes to choosing a candidate the very men
who agree
with me in what I have done ought to realize
that it often